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SUBJ: UN LEGAL COUNSEL

1. IN LUNCHEON CONVERSATION IN COURSE OF PARIS MEETING OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LAW OF TREATIES, UK LEGAL ADVISER SIR VINCENT EVENS TOLD SCHWEBEL HE UNDERSTOOD THAT UN LEGAL COUNSEL STAVROPOULOS'S RETIREMENT HAS BEEN DEFERRED AGAIN, PROBABLY UNTIL END 1973. EVANS EMPHASIZED THAT UK ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CHOICE OF STAVROPOULOS'S SUCCESSOR.
2. EVANS STATED THAT UK HAD INFORMED WALDHEIM THAT FREELAND, NOW LEGAL ADVISER OF UK MISSION IN NY, WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IF WALDHEIM WANTED HIM. WALDHEIM HAD NOT REPLIED. BUT STAVROPOULOS ARGUED THAT LEGAL COUNSEL SHOULD NOT BE NATIONAL OF PERMANENT MEMBER SC. EVANS DISAGREED; IT DEPENDED ON THE MAN.
3. EVANS THOUGHT THAT ANOTHER EXCELLENT MAN WOULD BE GOLSONG (FRG) HEAD OF THE LEGAL DIVISION OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. NOTED THAT HE IS A FIRST-CLASS LAWYER AND LINGUIST AND MAN OF NOTABLE GOOD JUDGEMENT AND DIPLOMATIC SKILL. THIS IDEA HAD BEEN FLOATED BY UK. BUT HE SUSPECTED THAT WALDHEIM WOULD NOT BUY IT, CONFIDENTIAL

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BECAUSE HE MIGHT NOT WISH TO HAVE A GERMAN-SPEAKING ASSO-

CIATE IN SO SENIOR A POST. EVANS THOUGHT THAT IT WAS AN ASSET THAT GOLSONG IS WEST GERMAN SINCE FRG WILL BE ENTITLED TO SENIOR POST. BUT SOME ARGUED THAT LEGAL COUNSEL HAD TO BE EXPERIENCED IN UN, AS GOLSONG IS NOT.

4. EVANS ADDED THAT HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT CANDIDACY OF SUY (BELGIUM) SHOWED SIGNS OF REVIVING. HE BELIEVED THAT BLIX (SWEDEN) IS NOT PERSONALLY INTERESTED. BLIX HAD WEIGHED IN AGAINST SUY ON GROUND THAT SUY HAD NOT BEEN OBJECTIVE AS CHAIRMAN 6TH COMITE. EVANS BELIEVED THAT THERE WERE LATIN-AMERICAN CANDIDACIES, INCLUDING GUYER; NONE ATTRACTED HIM.

5. COMMENT: FREELAND WOULD BE SUPERB SUCCESSOR TO STAVROPOULOS AND GOLSONG WOULD BE VERY GOOD. DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER APPROPRIATE DEMARCHE TO WALDHEIM. BASSIN

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